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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REQUIRED USE OF ADJUSTED CENSUS DATA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 141 of
5 title 13, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(e)(1) If—

1 “(A) in the administration of any program es-
2 tablished by or under Federal law which provides
3 benefits to State or local governments or to other re-
4 cipients, eligibility for or the amount of such benefits
5 would (without regard to this paragraph) be deter-
6 mined by taking into account data obtained in the
7 most recent decennial census, and

8 “(B) adjusted data is obtained in such decen-
9 nial census,

10 then, in the determination of such eligibility or amount
11 of benefits, the adjusted data from such decennial census
12 shall be used (in lieu of the corresponding unadjusted
13 data).

14 “(2) Adjusted data obtained in a decennial census
15 shall not be used for apportionment of Representatives in
16 Congress among the several States, nor shall such ad-
17 justed data be used in prescribing congressional districts.

18 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘ad-
19 justed data’ means population data which has been ad-
20 justed under this title to correct for overcounting, under-
21 counting, or other inaccuracies, through the use of statis-
22 tical methods (within the meaning of section 209(h) of
23 Public Law 105–119) and such other methods as the Sec-
24 retary may determine.”.

1 (b) REPORTING OF ADJUSTED DATA.—The Sec-
2 retary of Commerce shall, by not later than April 1,
3 2001—

4 (1) prepare and transmit to the President, for
5 use by the appropriate departments and agencies of
6 the executive branch in accordance with section
7 141(e) of title 13, United States Code (as amended
8 by subsection (a)), the adjusted data from the 2000
9 decennial census; and

10 (2) otherwise make that adjusted data publicly
11 available, in such manner as the Secretary of Com-
12 merce considers appropriate, in order to carry out
13 the purposes of this Act.

14 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
15 section (a) shall apply with respect to the 2000 decennial
16 census and decennial censuses thereafter.

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